

# Fishing Oak Island





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Sands  
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# Water Temperature Fishing on Oak Island

60°



**Puffer**

65°

**Whiting**

65° - 75°



**Bluefish**

68° - 78°



**Black Drum**

70° - 80°



**King Mackerel**



**Popano**



**Spanish Mackerel**

70° - 90°



**Tarpon**



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# Fishing on Oak Island

## Spring

March  
April  
May



Puffer



Whiting



Bluefish



Popano



Sharpnose



Shrimp



Sand Feas



Finger Mullet



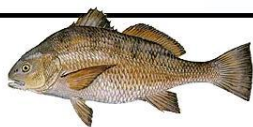
Cut Bait

## Summer

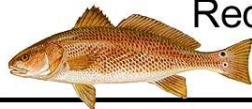
June  
July  
August

## Autumn

September  
October  
November



Black Drum



Red Drum



Speckled Trout



Silver Perch



Soft Plastics

## Winter

December  
January  
February



# Target the Species

- Understand the behavior of fish
- Be able to locate the fish
- Proper presentation to the fish



# Where to Fish

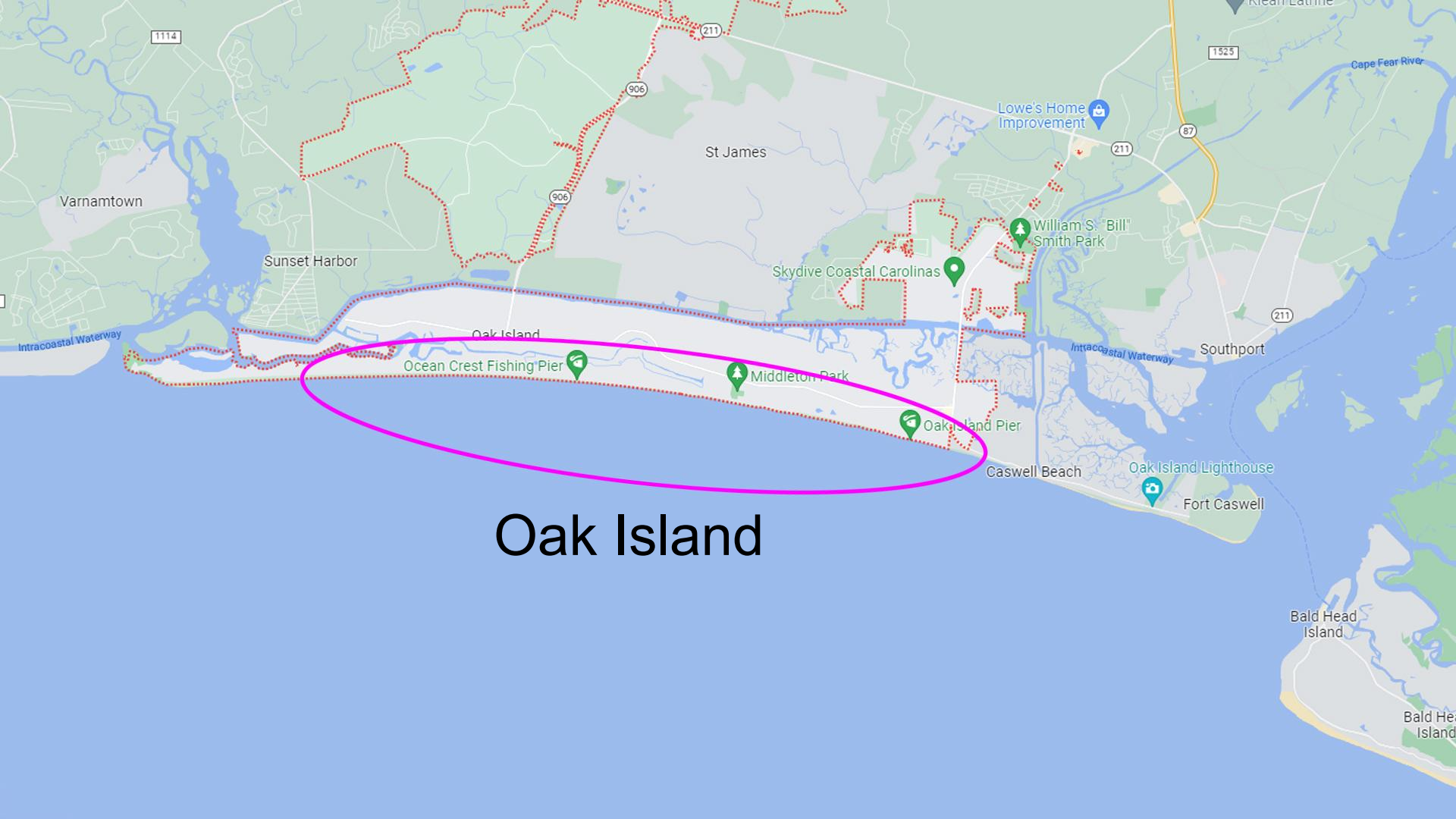
- Location
- Rig/Bait
- Tactics



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# The Surf





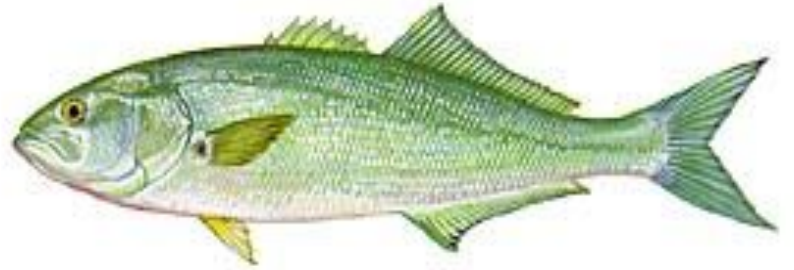
Oak Island



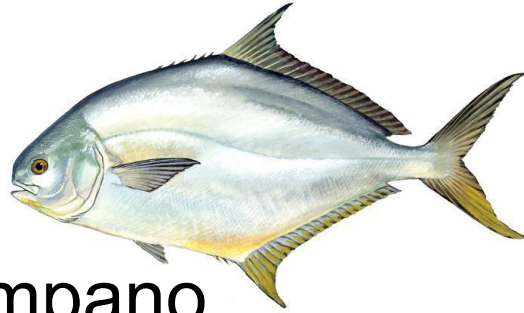
# The Surf: Species



Northern Puffer



Bluefish



Pompano



Croaker



Whiting

# Double Drop Bottom Rig

**Braid**

**Barrel Swivel**

**Mono Leader**

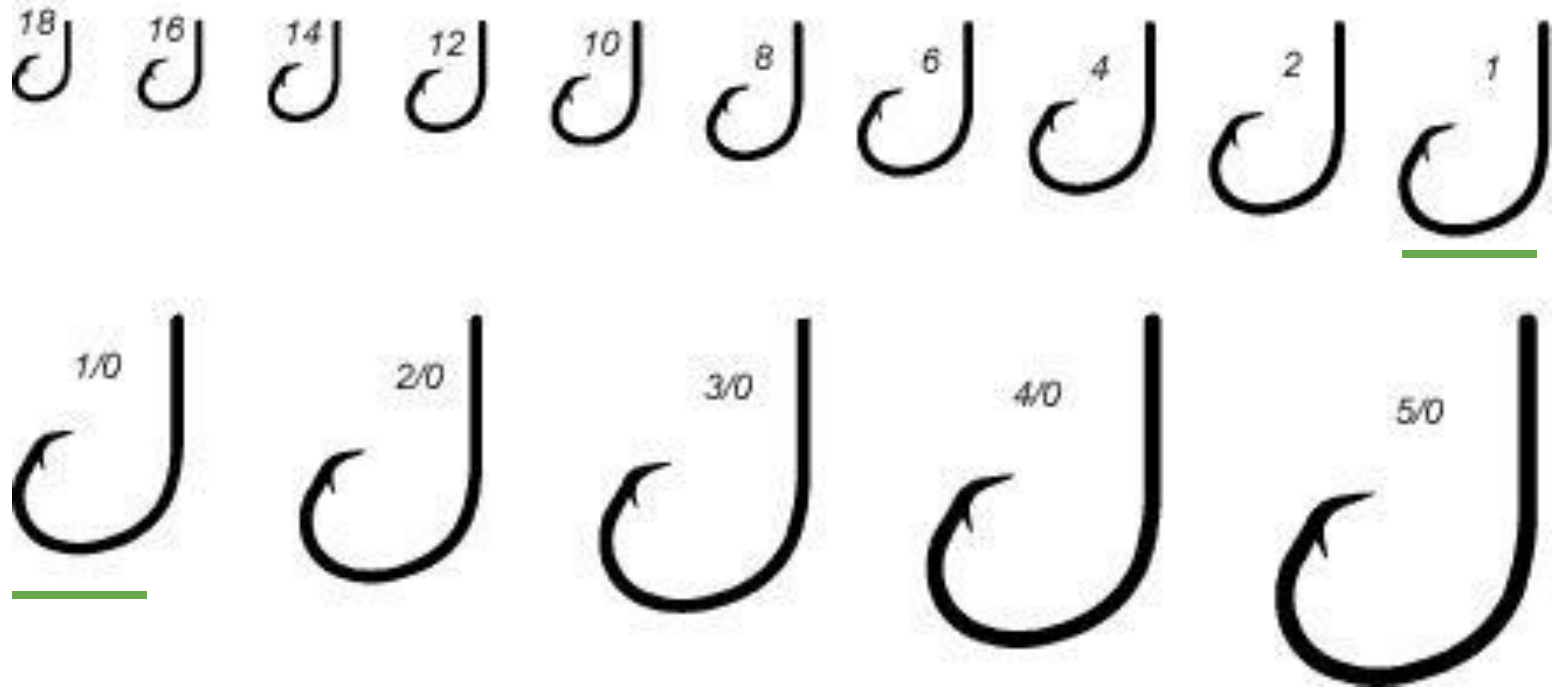
**#1/0 Circle Hooks**

**4 Oz Weight**





# Hook Sizes



You can catch a **big fish** on a **small hook**  
It's hard to catch a small fish on a big hook

# The Surf: Bait







# Bait

Yabbies aka Ghost Shrimp



Ghost Shrimp Pump



Miracle Thread



# Surf Tactic 1: Find the Structure



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Sand Bar

Trough





A wide-angle photograph of a beach. The foreground is a vast, flat expanse of wet sand, reflecting the sky and the ocean. In the middle ground, gentle waves with white foam are washing onto the shore. The horizon line is straight and divides the image roughly in half. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon. Two text labels, 'Hole' and 'Sandbar', are superimposed on the image, pointing to specific features in the ocean.

Hole

Sandbar



Sandbar

Sandbar







**high  
tide**



**low tide**

**high  
tide**

**low tide**



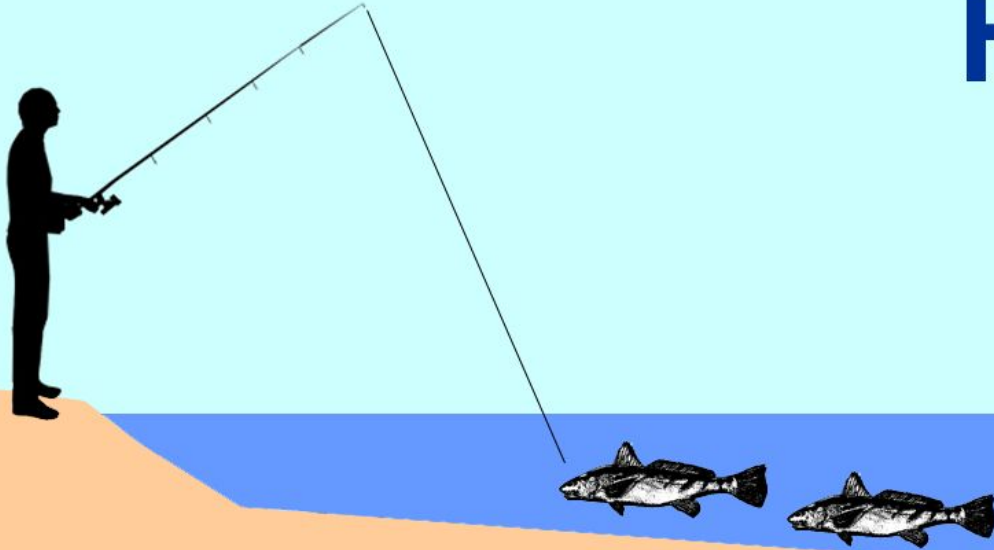
# The Tide

Two hours before high tide, Two hours after high tide

Slack tide not so good

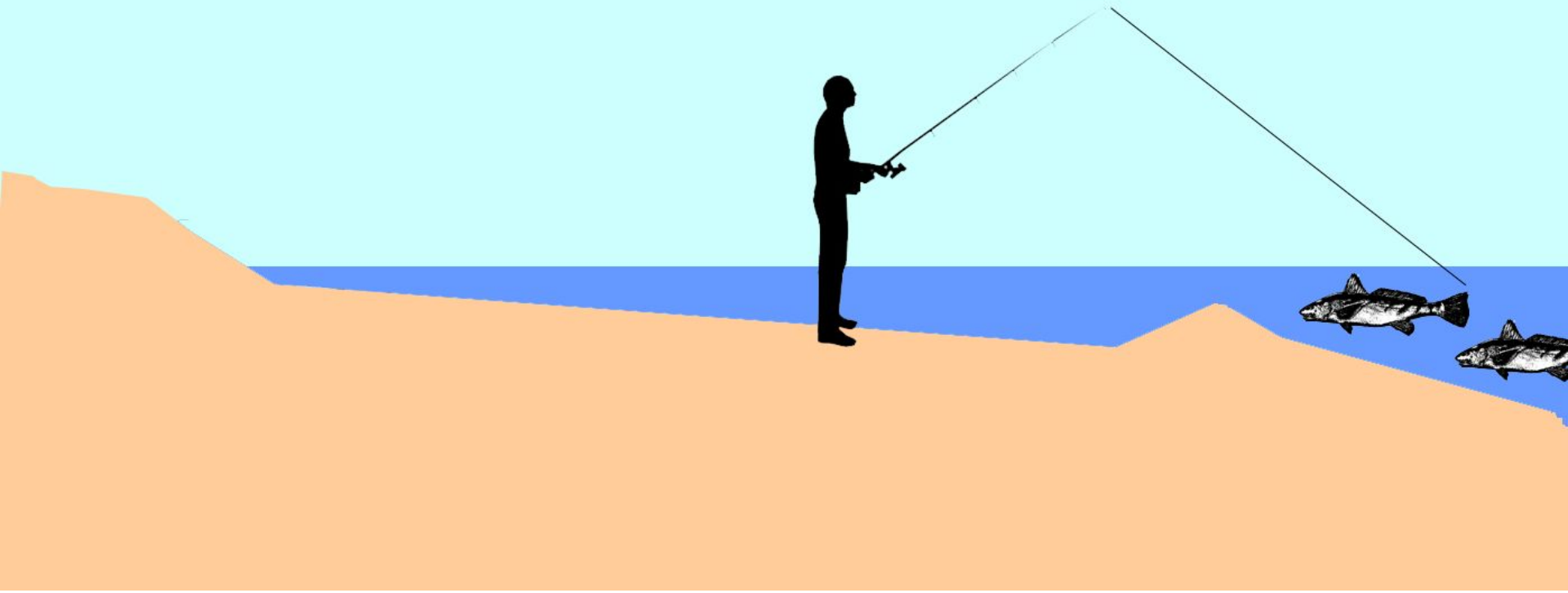
DAY			TIDES FOR OAK ISLAND (ATLANTIC OCEAN)			
			1 <sup>st</sup> TIDE	2 <sup>nd</sup> TIDE	3 <sup>rd</sup> TIDE	4 <sup>th</sup> TIDE
1 Sun		▲ 6:22 am ▼ 7:55 pm	2:38 am ▼ 0.0 ft	8:36 am ▲ 4.6 ft	2:32 pm ▼ 0.0 ft	8:46 pm ▲ 5.4 ft
2 Mon		▲ 6:21 am ▼ 7:56 pm	3:17 am ▼ 0.1 ft	9:14 am ▲ 4.3 ft	3:09 pm ▼ 0.1 ft	9:24 pm ▲ 5.3 ft
3 Tue		▲ 6:20 am ▼ 7:57 pm	3:56 am ▼ 0.3 ft	9:53 am ▲ 4.1 ft	3:46 pm ▼ 0.3 ft	10:03 pm ▲ 5.1 ft
4 Wed		▲ 6:19 am ▼ 7:58 pm	4:34 am ▼ 0.5 ft	10:34 am ▲ 3.9 ft	4:24 pm ▼ 0.4 ft	10:45 pm ▲ 4.9 ft

# High Tide





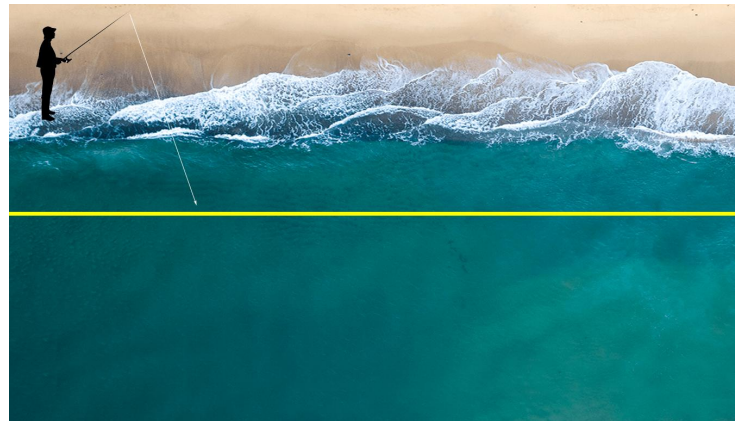
# Low Tide



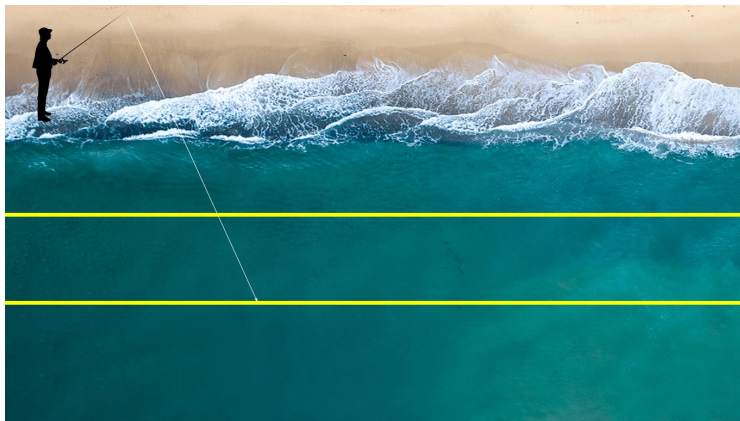
## Surf Tactic #3:

### Rule of Thirds Active Fishing

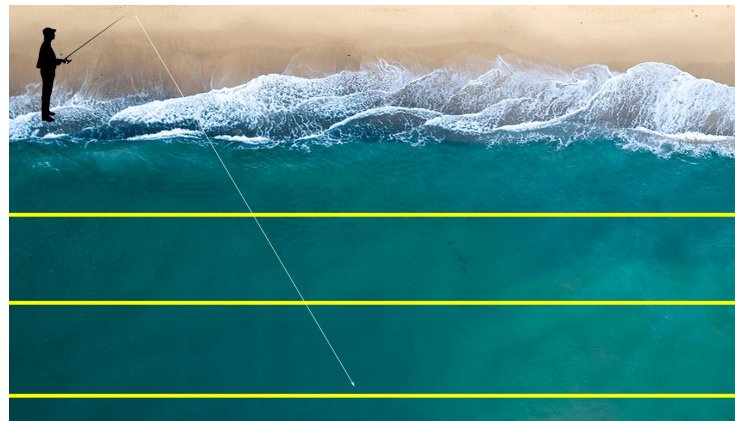
1.



2.



3.





A close-up photograph of a sandy beach. In the upper right corner, a white concrete curb or edge of a walkway is visible, with the ocean waves crashing against it. The sand is a mix of light and dark brown grains. The text "The Point & Caswell" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

The Point & Caswell





The Point

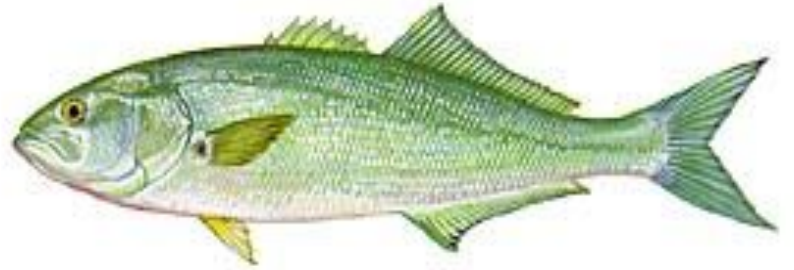
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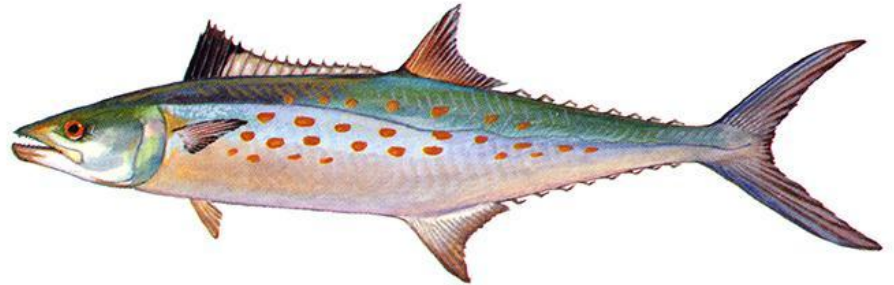
# The Surf: Species



Red Drum



Bluefish



Spanish

# Carolina Rig 1

Braid

Barrel Swivel

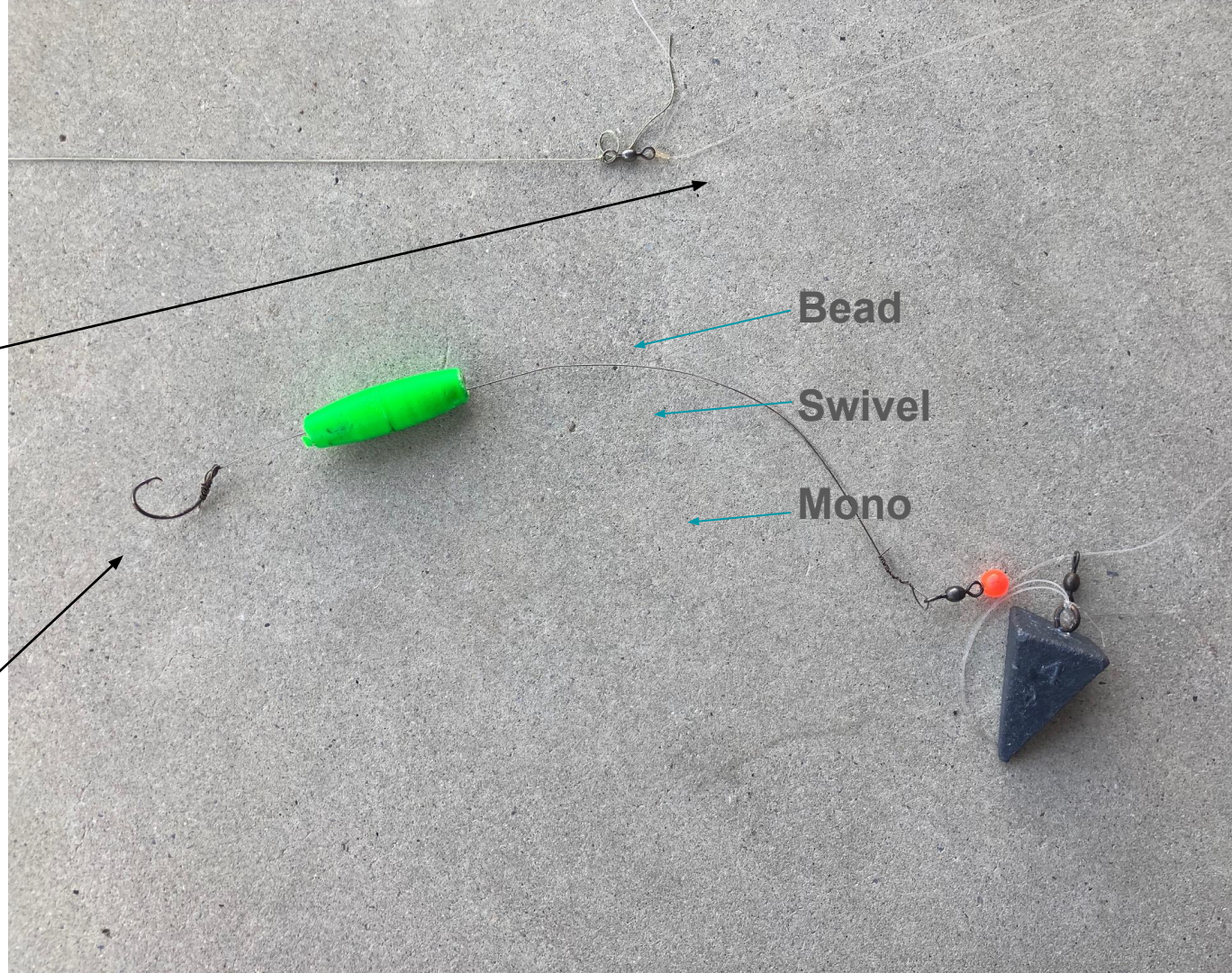
Mono Leader

Weight

Steel Leader

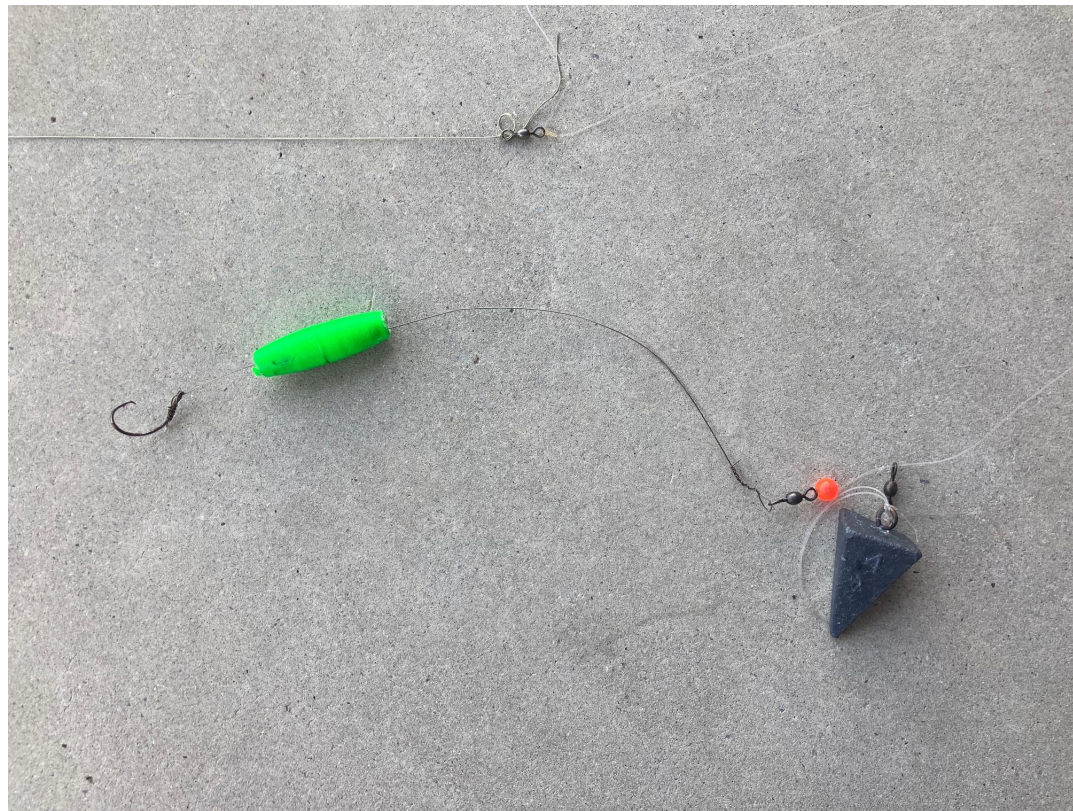
Float

#3/0 Circle Hook





# The Surf: Rig

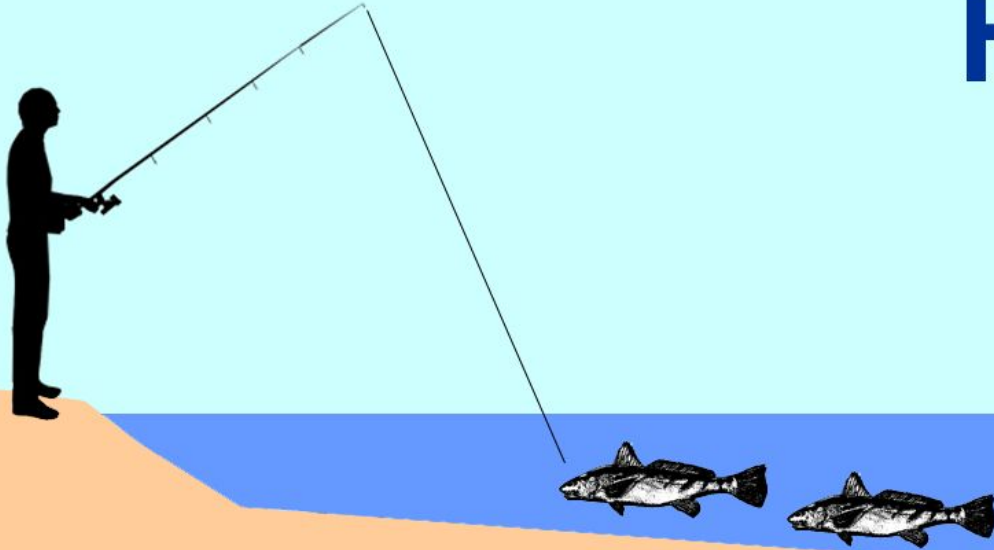


# Tactic #1: Cast Net





# High Tide

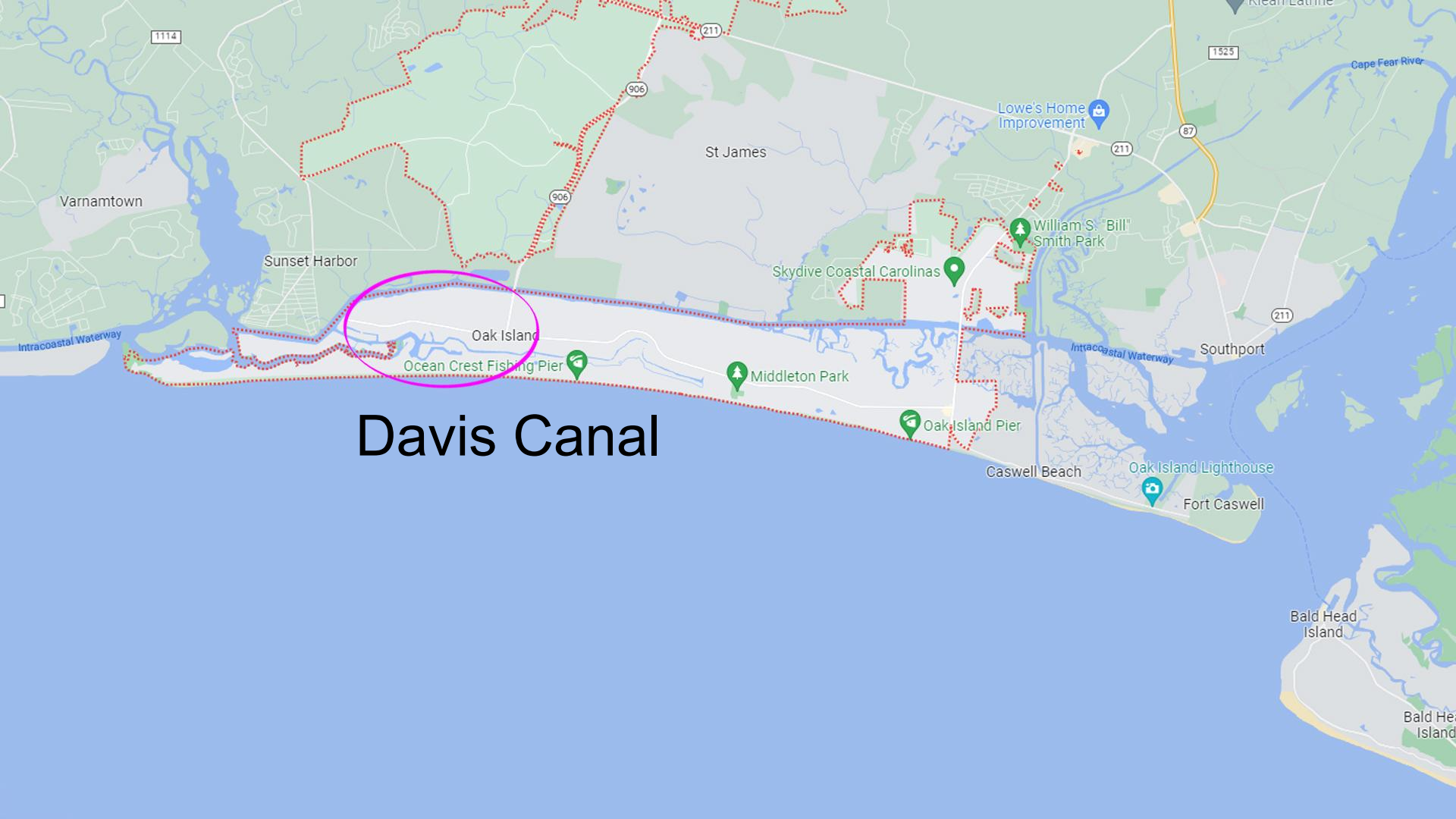




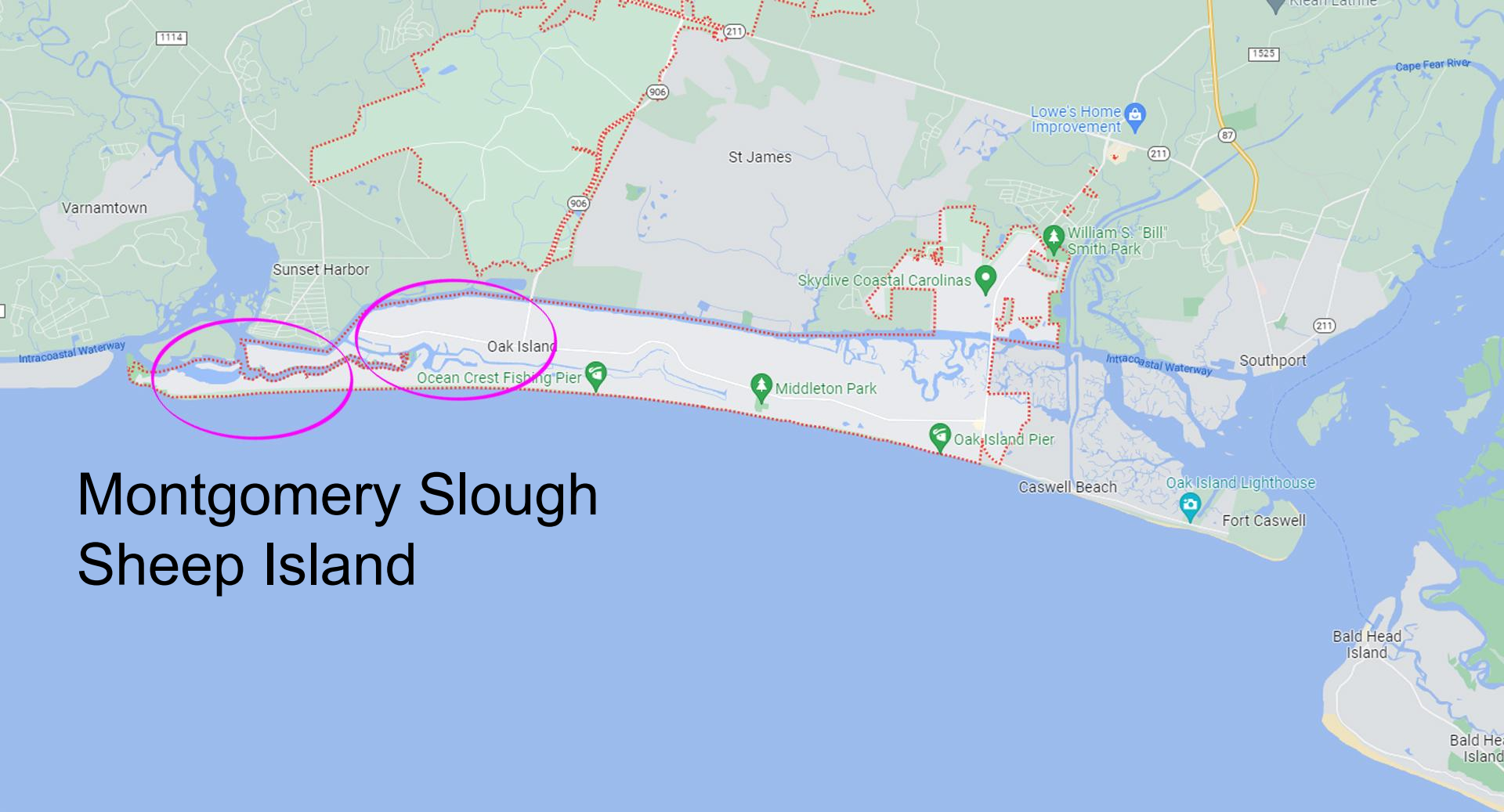
A close-up photograph of a sandy beach. The foreground is filled with dark, fine-grained sand. In the upper right corner, a white concrete curb or edge of a walkway is visible, separating the sand from the ocean. Beyond the curb, the ocean waves are breaking, creating white foam and splashing water. The text "Back Waters" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Back Waters





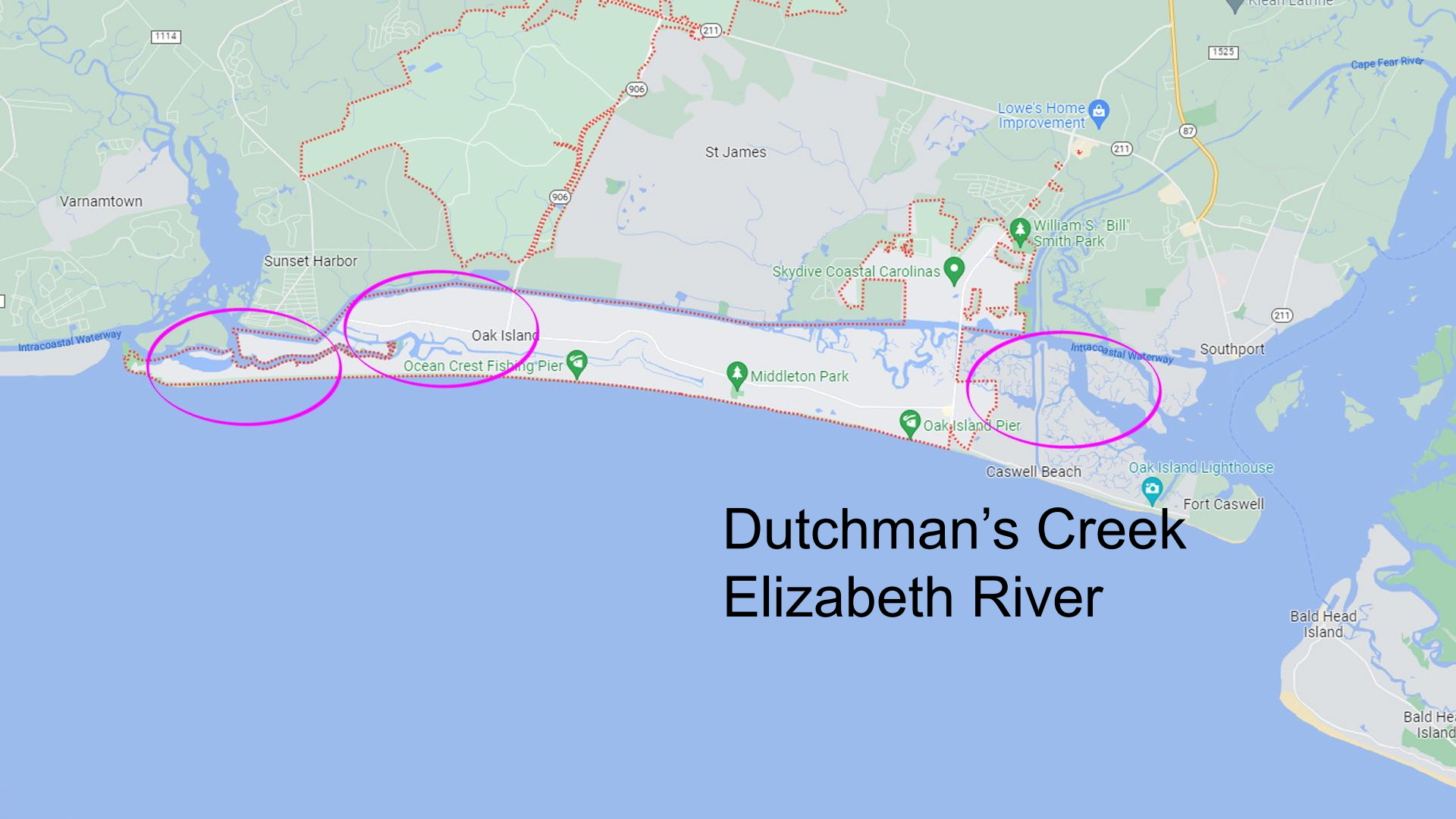
# Davis Canal



# Montgomery Slough

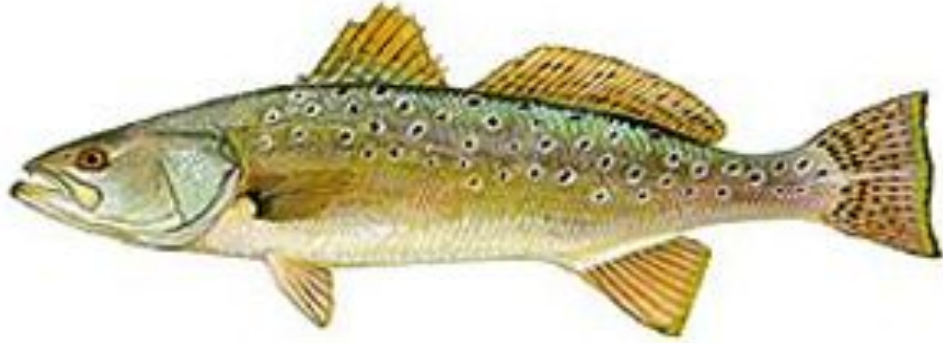
## Sheep Island



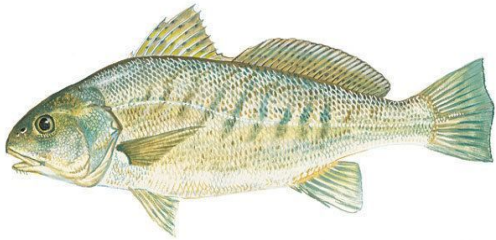


# Dutchman's Creek Elizabeth River

# Backwater: Species



Trout



Croaker

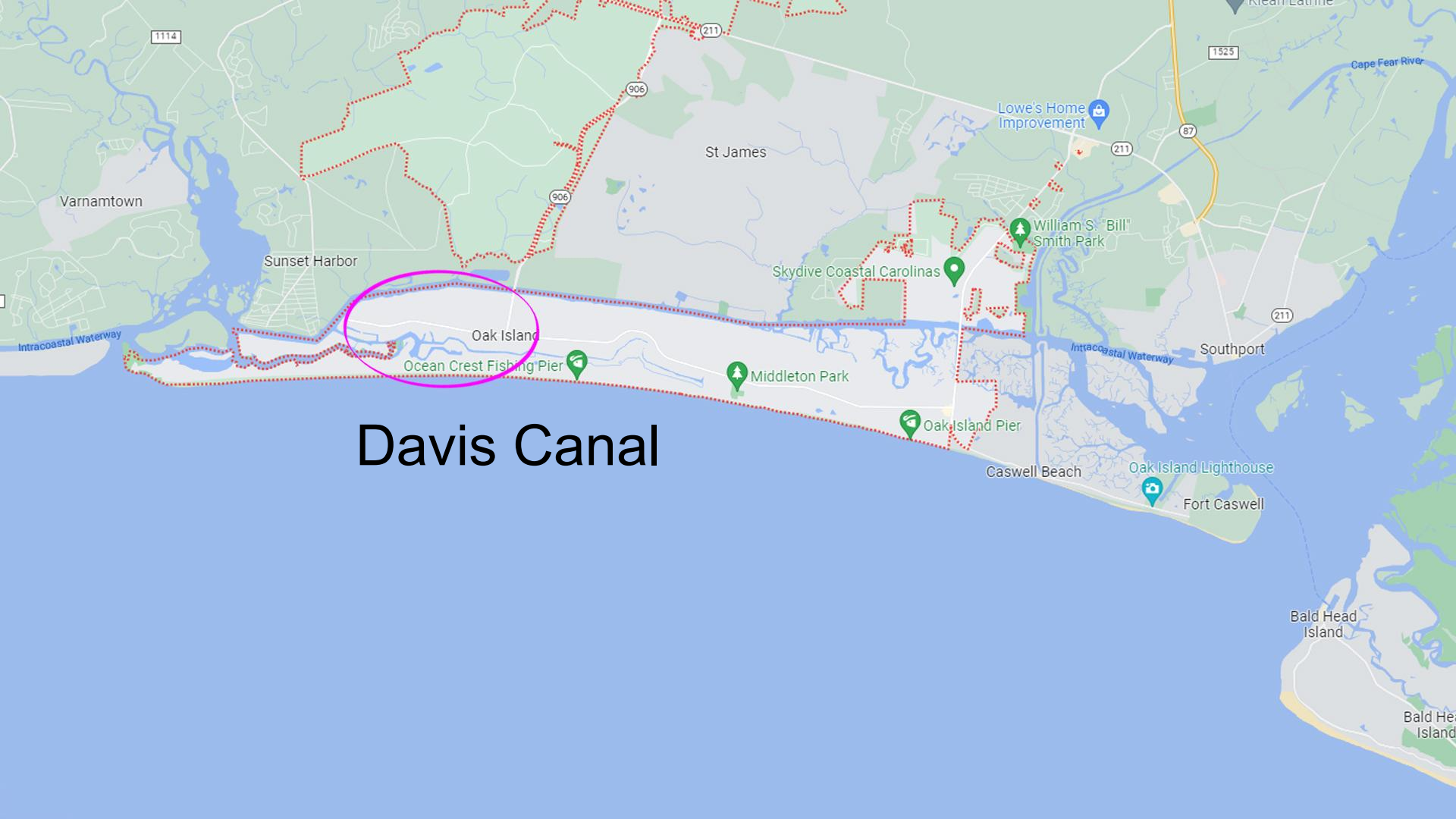


Black Drum



# Backwater: Rigs

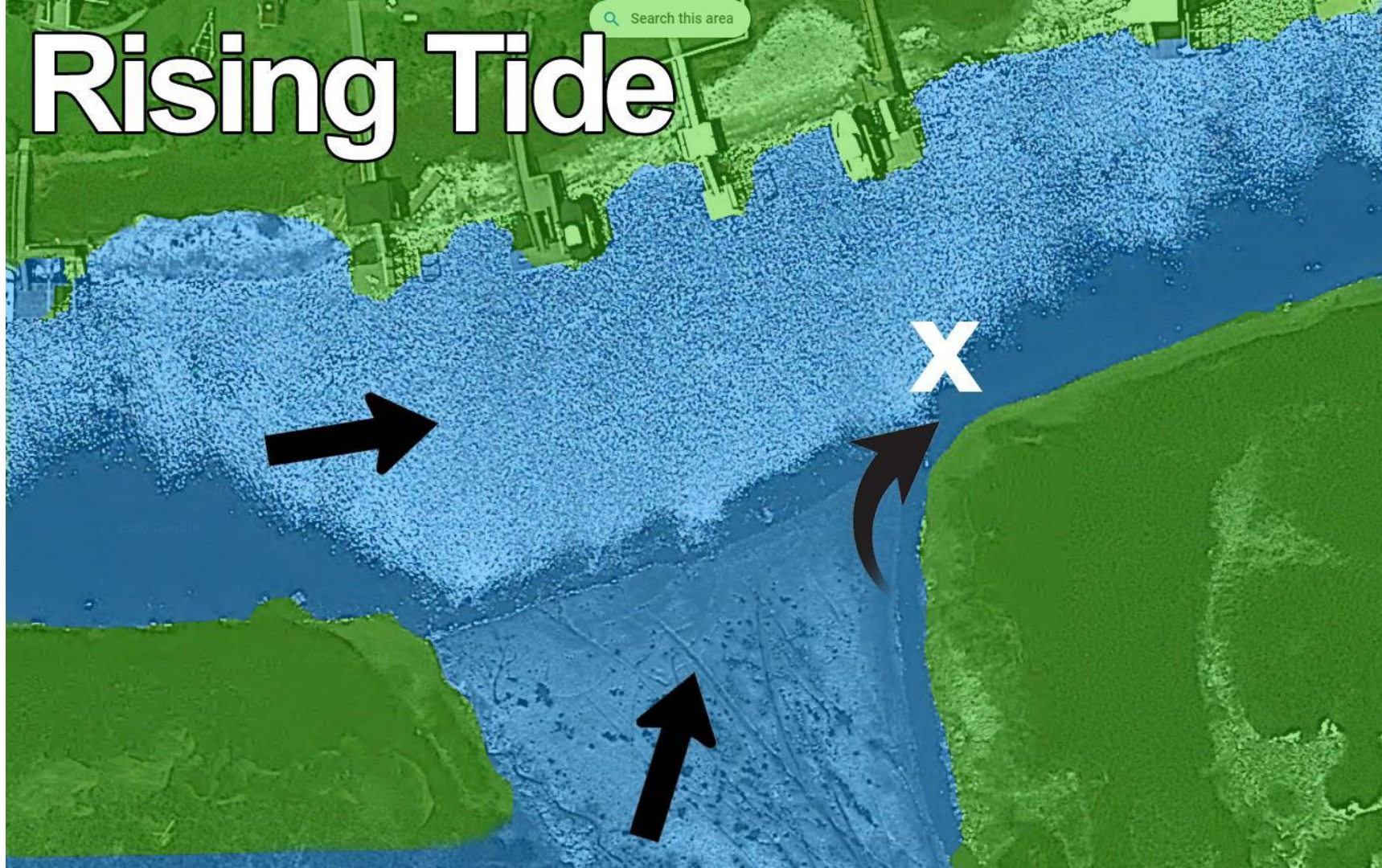




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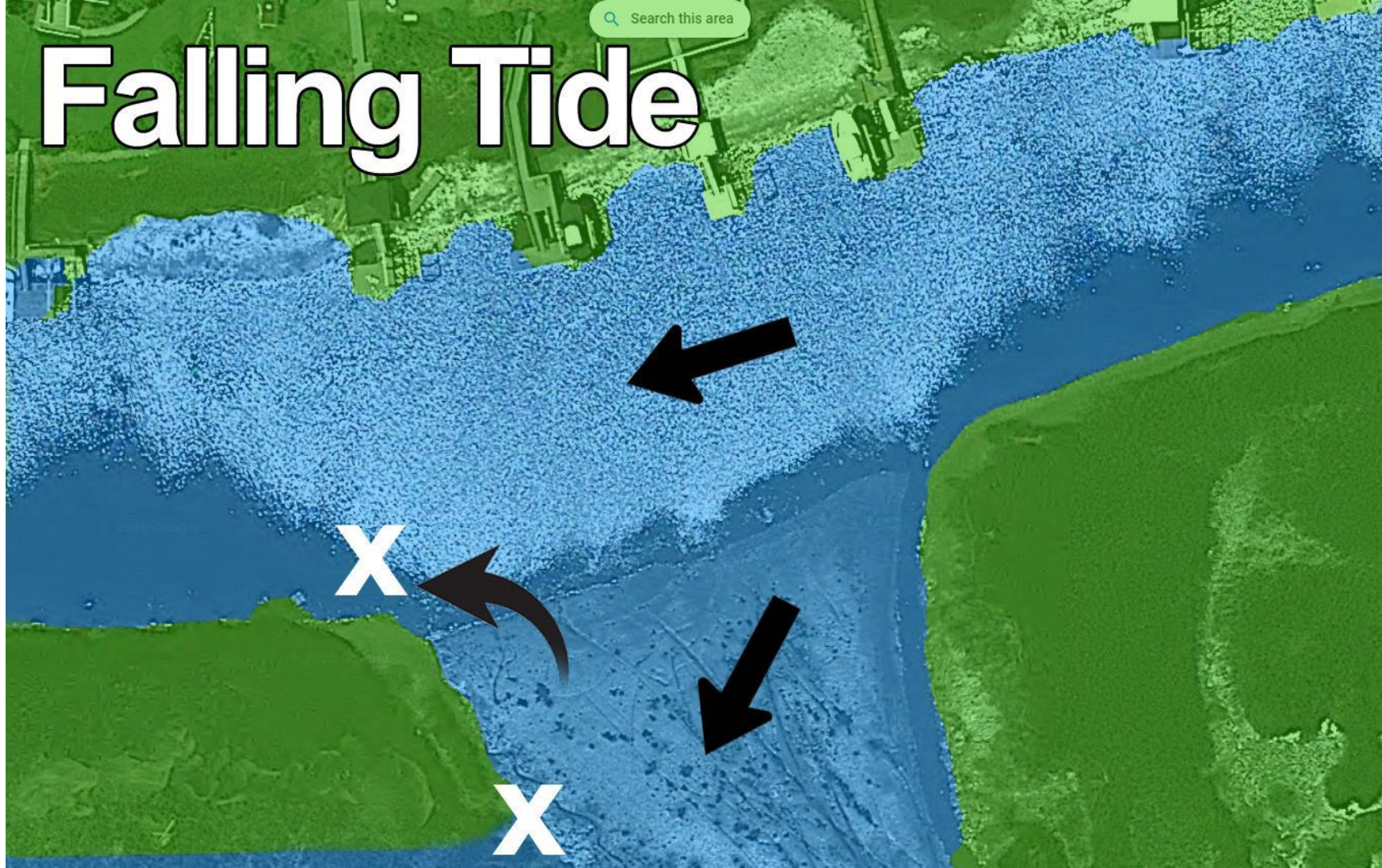


# Rising Tide

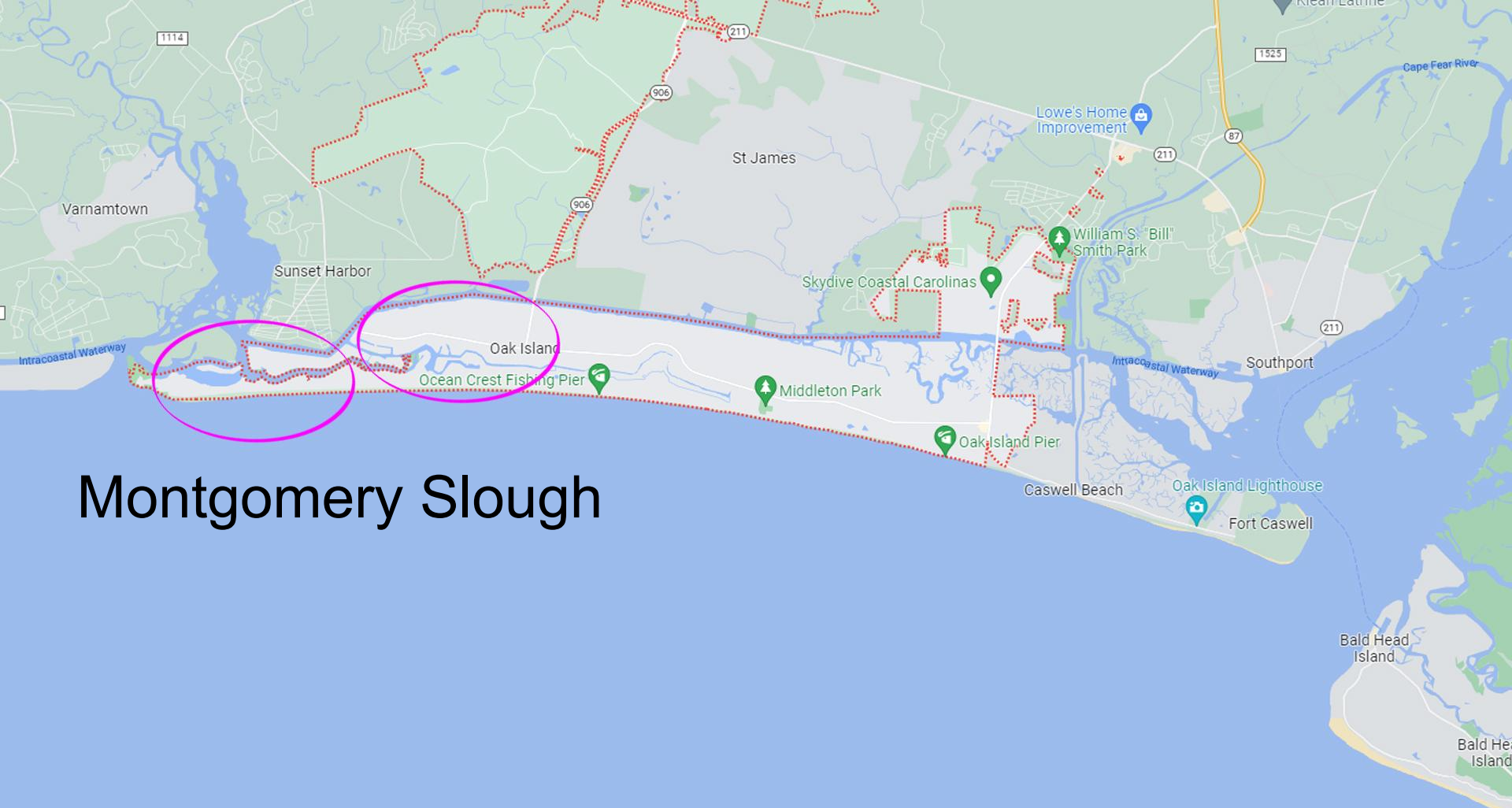




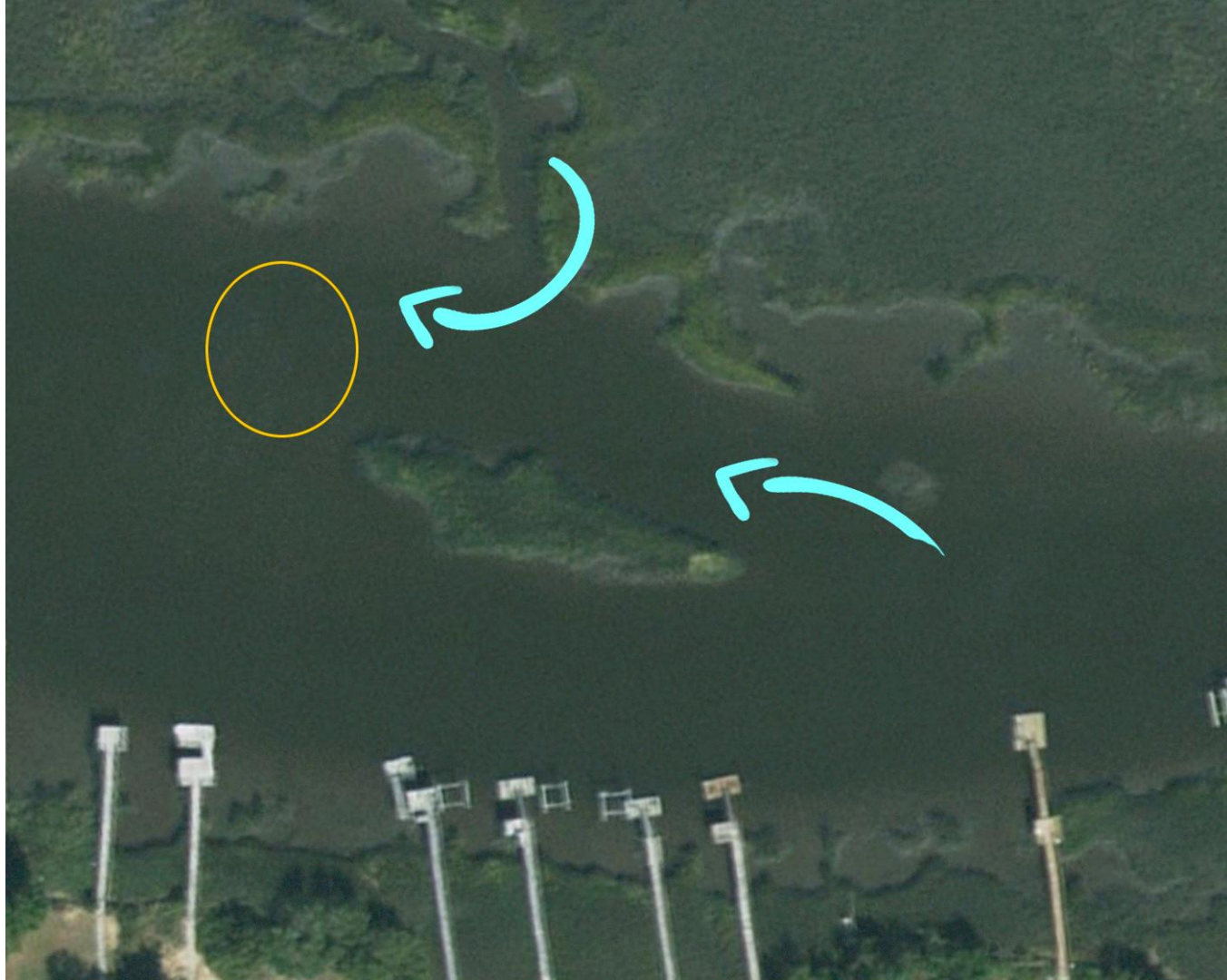
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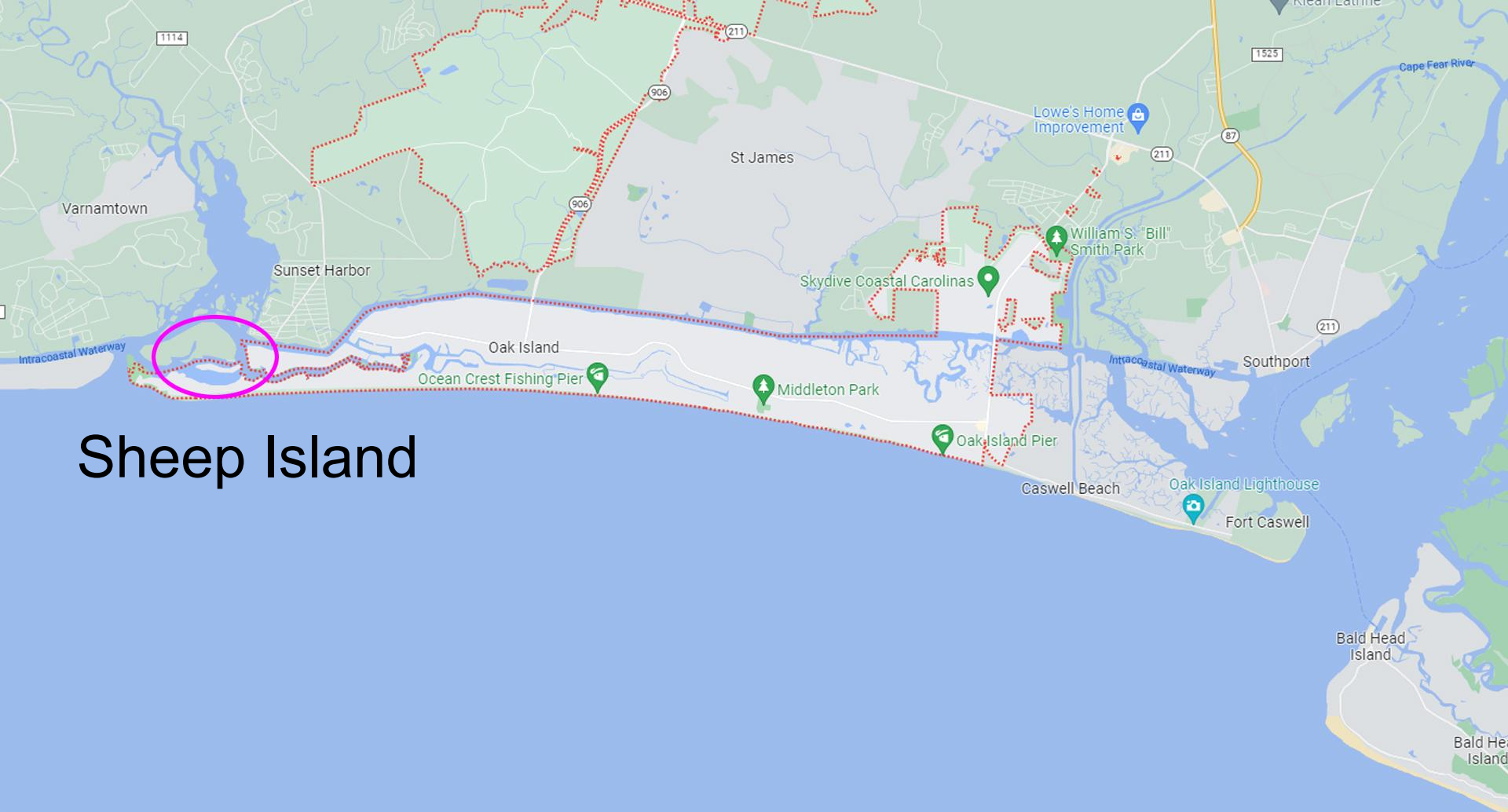




# Montgomery Slough







# Sheep Island



Intracoastal Wa

Intracoastal Waterway

Sunset Harbor Boat Ramp

Hickory View Dr SE

Cedar View Dr SE

Holly View Dr SE

Pineview Dr SE

Lockwood Folly Rd SE

Cedar View Dr SE

Holly View Dr SE

Pineview Dr SE

Roxboro St SE

Intracoastal Waterway

Sheep Island

Horse Island

Lonerider at Oak Island

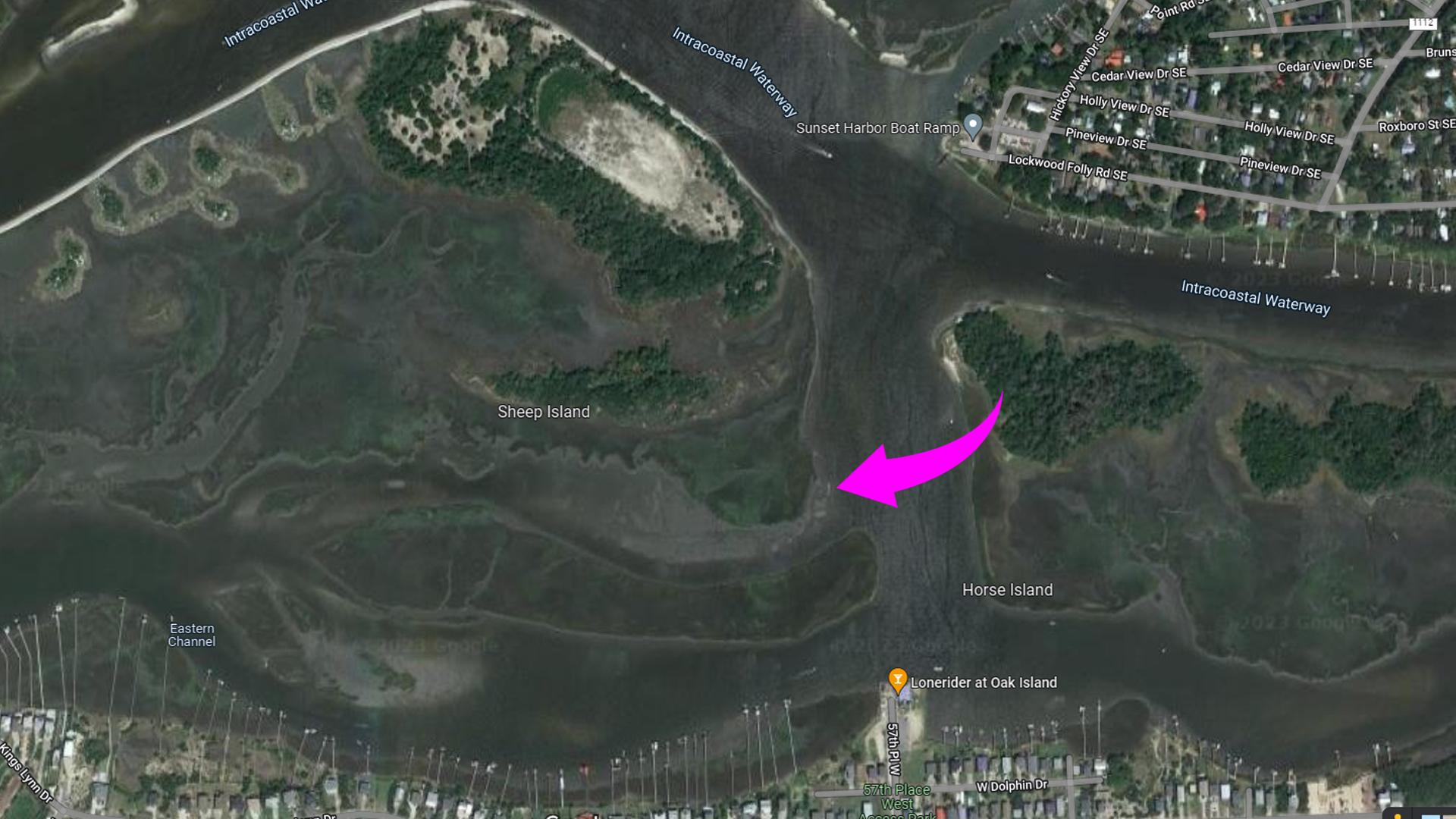
Eastern Channel

Kings Lynn Dr

57th Pl W

W Dolphin Dr





Intracoastal Wa

Intracoastal Waterway

Sunset Harbor Boat Ramp

Hickory View Dr SE  
Cedar View Dr SE  
Holly View Dr SE  
Pineview Dr SE  
Lockwood Folly Rd SE

Point Rd SE

Cedar View Dr SE

Holly View Dr SE

Roxboro St SE

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Intracoastal Waterway

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Lonerider at Oak Island

57th Pl W  
West

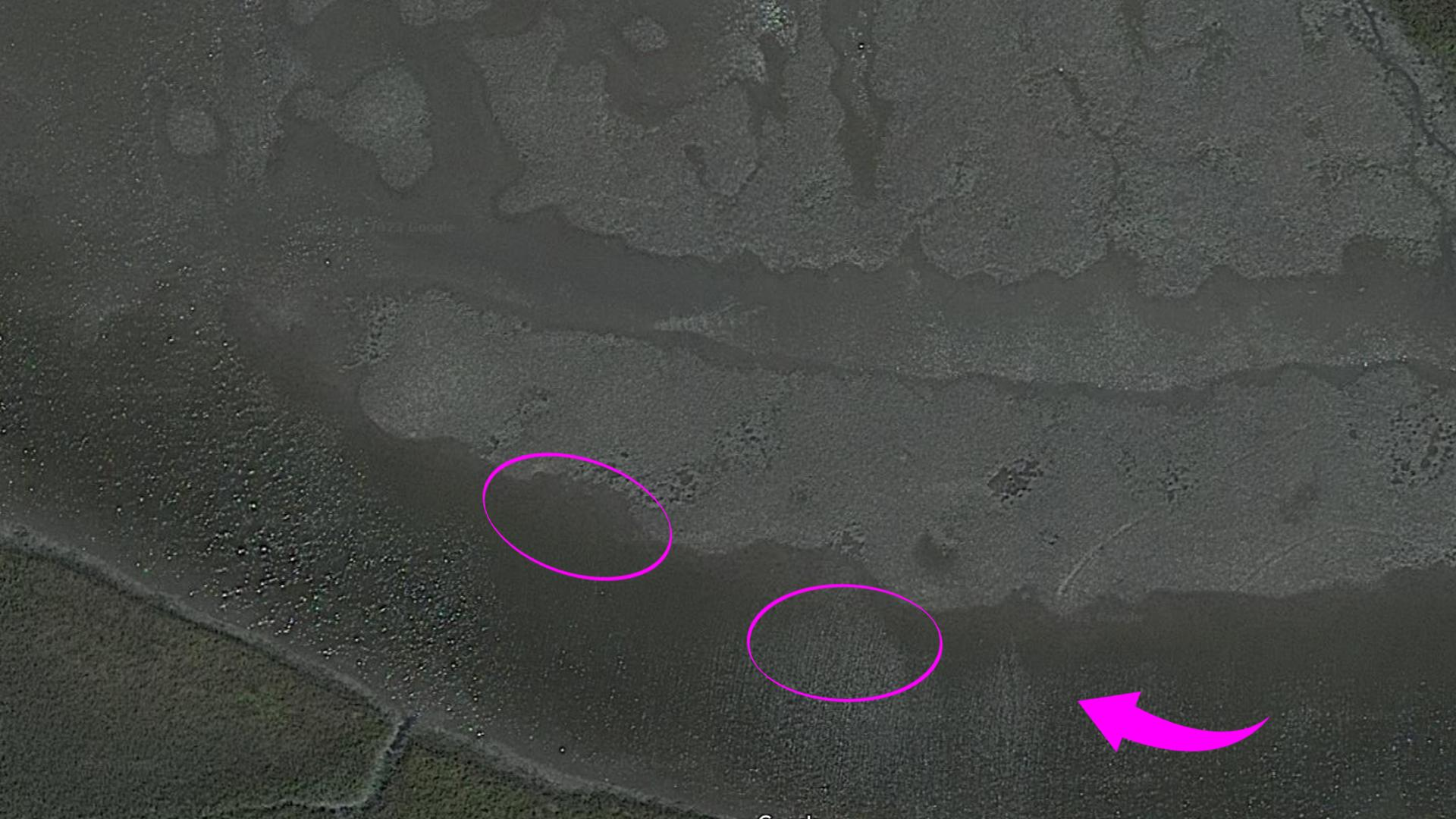
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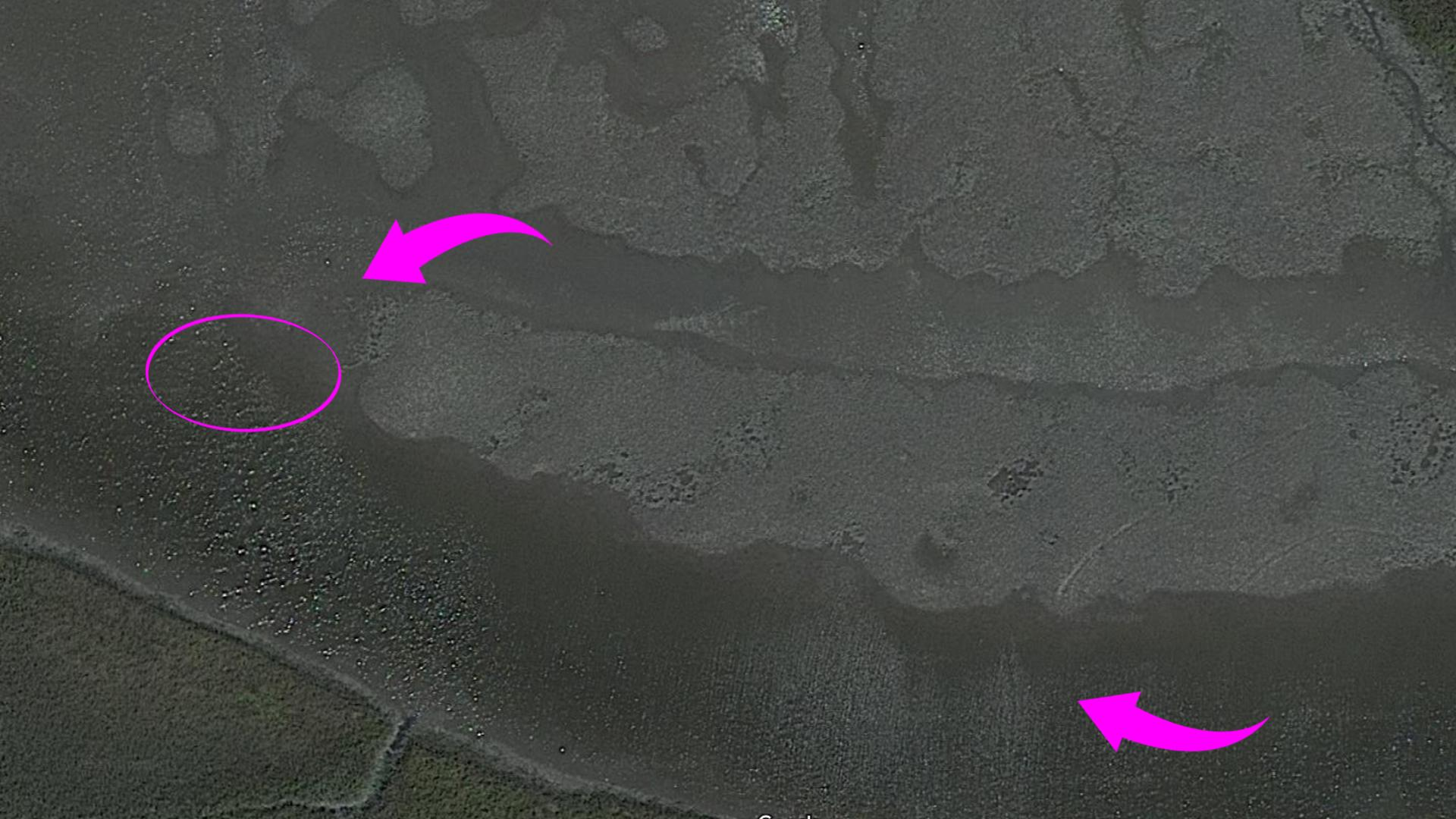
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By land



# By Land

The Point ICW: Kings Lynn Drive, Oak Island

The Point Surf: 6909 W Beach Dr, Oak Island

Caswell Public Beach Access: Caswell Beach

May Moore Park: 840 Elizabeth Dr, Oak Island

Oak Island Nature Center: 5202 E Yacht Dr, Oak Island

Veteran's Park: 1408 E Yacht Dr, Oak Island

Dock on Davis Canal: SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Island

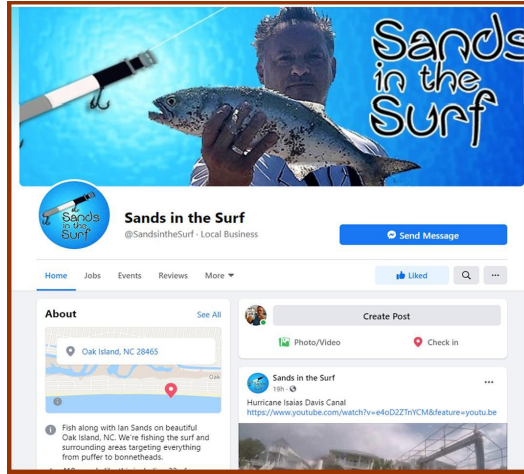
T-Pier ICW: W Yacht and W Oak Island Dr, Oak Island

Public Access Stairs Davis Canal: End of SW Yacht, Oak Island

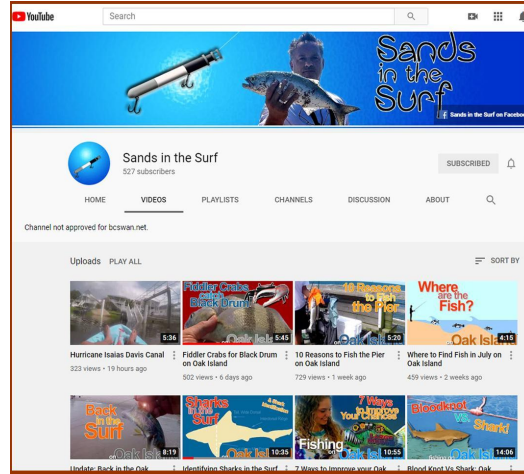
Southport Fishing Pier: 178 E Bay St, Southport



# Sands in the Surf



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